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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), an extension of time of two months is hereby requested to file an Amendment and Response. An Office Action was mailed July 31, 2007.

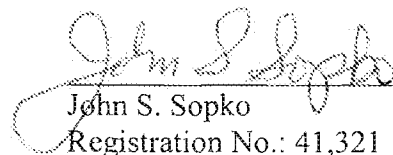
A two-month extension is respectfully requested, making the due date December 31, 2007. The requisite fee in the amount of \$ 460.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is believed to be due.

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge payment of \$ 460.00 or any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit

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Account No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

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